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On April 5, 2018, [the AER released Manual 014: Liquid Classification and Well Status Fluid Type Determination for Oil and Gas Wells](#). There has been much confusion over the last number of years and we have fielded many questions pertaining to this topic, particularly in regards to horizontal well development. While the manual may not capture every scenario, it is a good guideline, particularly the "Well Status Fluid Type Determination" flow chart illustrated in Figure 2 of the document.

Of particular interest to us is Section 3.1, which discusses the AER's view on what constitutes sufficient production history (up to nine months for horizontal wells) and how that relates to Directive 007-1 (Allowables Handbook), which requires the submission of an O-38 within 30 days of initial production. While the AER has relaxed this requirement in the past in order to obtain adequate and sufficient production data, the fact remains that it is still considered a requirement, one that does not seem to align with Section 3.1 of Manual 014.

In situations where the initial production data from a well has been insufficient for classification purposes, we have worked with the AER to come to a resolution before the well's NOWPP has expired. If you have drilled a well that may require some assistance in this regard, please let us know.

For future reference, this manual will be listed under current regulations to the left of this [newsletter](#).

Announcement of a Strategic Alliance with Acipenser Resources Ltd.

We are happy to announce our strategic business alliance with Gary D. Metcalfe, B.Sc., P.Eng., president of Acipenser Resources Ltd. Mr. Metcalfe has over 40 years of experience, specializing in domestic and international reserve and resource evaluations and reservoir engineering studies.

This alliance will allow for the pooling of resources and expertise and will enable both companies to deliver their respective services in a timely and cost effective manner.

For more information on Acipenser and its services, you can contact Robyn or I or you may also contact Gary Metcalfe directly @403.829.9533.

Bulletin 2016-10: Obligations of Licensees When in Insolvency or When Otherwise Ceasing Operations

As many of you know, the LMR programs are having a significant impact on the disposition of assets, particularly when companies cease operations because of insolvency. For this reason, the AER has released Bulletin 2016-10, which outlines the responsibilities of a licensee when ceasing operations.

A copy of the bulletin can be found [here](#).

The AER's new 2016-19 strategic plan and overview is now available

On April 20, 2018, the AER released its strategic plan, which discusses its priorities, outcomes, performance measures and targets. A copy of the plan can be found [here](#).

OGC- Submission of isotope Gas Analyses

As discussed last month, changes outlined in [Bulletin 2015-21](#) and Section 34 and 35 of the Drilling and Production Regulations outline new requirements for gas isotopic analysis in BC. [Bulletin 2016-07](#) explains and updates the rationale for this initiative and reminds operators that they have the opportunity to have their isotopic analysis performed free of charge under the Natural Gas Atlas Project. Links to details on this project are found in [Bulletin 2016-07](#).

Additional information on the gas isotope fingerprinting has recently been added to the GeoScience BC website which can be found [here](#).

AER: Base of Groundwater Protection Elevations

Nothing to link here, but an update to the base of groundwater protection (BGWP) elevations within Township 076, Ranges 12 and 13, West of the Sixth Meridian has been released and the AER's base of groundwater protection query tool has been updated.

AER IWCP Program

As discussed in the last [newsletter](#), companies should have received their letters from the AER in regards to the Inactive Well Compliance Program. These letters should have outlined your 2016 target quota and should have information as to whether the 2015 targets were met. We have been assisting companies in meeting their annual quota, often by retiring wells through a reporting change in DDS. If you have received a letter and have not met your 2015 quota or would like help to achieve compliance in 2016, please let us know. We'd be happy to help.

A reminder that the IWCP and LMR programs should not be considered mutually exclusive. BRC can assess, forecast and potentially amend an operator's liability management rating. For more information on this service, please visit our [website](#) or feel free to contact us directly.

AER Bulletin 2016-09 Released

The AER has implemented changes in the landowner contact requirements as it pertains to the 2010 Reclamation Criteria for Wellsites and Associated Facilities: Application Guidelines. These changes are discussed in Bulletin 2016-09, which can be found [here](#).

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Until next month....

-Jason Benoit